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**The City of Westfield Begins Fire Hydrant Maintenance:
Residents Urged to be Aware of Water Discoloration**

The Westfield Public Works Department (WPW) announced today that biannual fire hydrant flushing will get underway once again this year on April 5 and end May 15. WPW is urging all residents to be aware of the flushing in their respective areas and that temporary water discoloration could be a possible result.

Hydrant flushing is required periodically to scour the distribution system water mains. Flushing will occur between the hours of 10pm and 6am. During this process, WPW crews will be working to remove particulate matter (Iron and Manganese) that subsequently builds up in the water mains. Removing these substances ensures that the cleanest water possible is provided to all residents.

“We are asking the residents to be patient and cooperate with us during this process,” says Kurt Wanninger, Director of Public Works. “If customers see a discoloration in their water, we would ask them to let the water run to waste at maximum volume for approximately two to three minutes, or until the discoloration disappears. It is imperative that this process occur so that our residents receive only the best quality water,” says Wanninger. WPW urges its customers to minimize water usage during the hours of 10pm and 6am to minimize the potential of receiving riled water. Activities such as laundry and cooking should not be conducted during those hours.

For additional information about the water and sanitary services that the City of Westfield provides, contact the WPW Customer Service Center at 317-804-3150.

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